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Roosevelts Were Guests

Propriety of Mrs. Kennedy's Use Of Onassis Yacht Is Questioned

A Republican Congressman yesterday questioned whether it was proper for Mrs. John F. Kennedy and Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. to "accept lavish hospitality" from Aristotle Onassis.

Rep. Oliver P. Bolton (Ohio) charged that shipping companies controlled by Onassis "received favored treatment from the United States Government."

Mrs. Kennedy was cruising the Aegean Sea last week on Onassis's yacht, Christina Roosevelt, the Under Secretary of Commerce, and his wife Susan were aboard as guests of the President's wife.

United Press International reported last night that, when Mrs. Kennedy's Greek tour was announced, the White House said the Onassis yacht was being obtained by her sister, Princess Radziwill, with the First Lady being a guest of her sister.

The White House would not comment last night.

Bolton said he did not know who was paying for the cruise.

If the ship had been chartered, rather than being turned over without charge, there would be no question of impropriety.

In his statement, Bolton raised this question about Roosevelt:

"Isn't it extremely poor judgment for the Under Secretary of Commerce, whose Department has sole jurisdiction over the policies of the Maritime Administration, to place himself in a position of

obligation to this foreign shipping magnate?"

Bolton noted that an Onassis company owns four American-flag tankers that were financed with mortgages guaranteed by the Maritime Administration.

He charged that one tanker is already in default because Onassis has not put up the minimum working capital required, \$1,435,100.

However, Maritime Administration officials deny that there has been a default. Donald W. Alexander, the Maritime Administrator, said that Onassis had been granted an

11-month extension of the requirement, until the end of this year. He said that new vessels are frequently given extra time to put in working capital until they build up their earnings.

Bolton also said that Onassis had been favored because Congress did not intend that mortgage guarantees go to foreign-controlled companies.

Maritime officials said that Onassis has gotten around this difficulty by putting 75 per cent of the stock in his tanker firm in trust for two of his three children. They are American citizens. Onassis, a Greek by birth, is a citizen of Argentina.